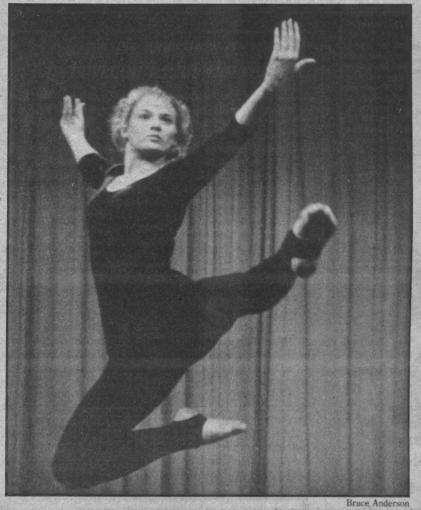
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Week End

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In good company . . . UNO student Lauren Kotulak demonstrates her dancing skills.

Explaining the concept of modern dance is difficult, said Vera Lundahl, director of UNO's dance troupe, *The Moving Company*.

"Modern dance can be abstract or traditional," she said. "You have to see it to understand it." Audiences can judge for themselves next week when *The Moving Company* presents its spring dance concert. The 23-member company will perform 11 dances choreographed by faculty, students and three guest choreographers.

Company members put in long hours of practice, said Lundahl, and the average dancer performs in two or three dances. Dancers come from all majors on campus, she added, and performing is done on a voluntary basis.

Although UNO has no dance major, Lundahl said a "wide variety" of dance classes are offered. More than 300 students take these classes each semester.

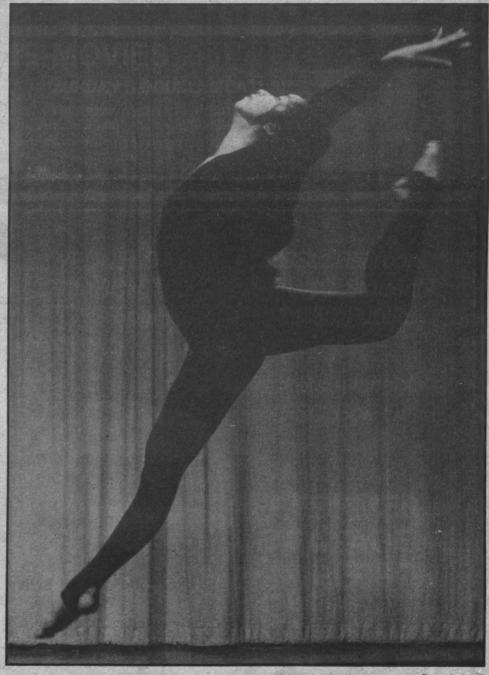
The UNO dance company began in the 1930's, said Lundahl. Originally called *Orchesis*, the company changed its name to *The Moving Company* about 13 years ago, she said.

The purpose of the company is to perform and educate, Lundahl explained. It educates the public as to what modern dance is all about and gives students the chance to develop artistically and learn choreography.

The company tours elementary schools during the fall, said Lundahl, and the spring concert is the highlight of the season. *The Moving Company* will perform March 18-20 in the University Theatre at UNO.

General admission is \$3 and student and senior citizen admission is \$1. For reservations, call 554-2335.

Modern dance is . . 'freer than ballet and not as jazzy as jazz'



Bruce Anderson

Looking back . . . dancer Malou Macapinlac performs an eye-catching move.

Inside _____ Kevin Grabowski

UNO criminal justice major talks about his adjustment to life in a wheelchair.

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Neurotica By Karen Nelson

A reader asked: "When is the Gateway going to give some coverage to groups on campus who really make a difference? For example, when was the last time you guys did anything on STO?"

Naturally assuming that she made an error, I said that there was an editorial about one of their recent functions in Wednesday's paper.

"Not SPO, airhead," she replied. "STO. The Student Terrorist Organization. Allow me to introduce myself. I am Monique, the commander-in-chief of STO." For the first time, I noticed the two armed guards standing a few feet away.

"Yes, they keep asking us why UNO never has any good all-school parties, but they won't after we take over," Monique

"Take over?" I said. "Take over what?"

She glanced at me scornfully. "The university, of course. Right now, the Board of Regents and the Legislature are fighting over who should control the university budget. Either way, it doesn't matter who wins because UNO won't see very much of the money.

"The one thing the regents and the state senators have in common is that few of them really care about UNO," she said. "Our teachers, though they're unionized, are paid less than those in Lincoln; our equipment in many departments is out of date; even The World-Herald treats us as though we barely have a right to exist."

So far, there wasn't much I could argue with. "But how are you going to take over?" I asked.

"Well, the first thing STO will do is hold the UNL football team hostage," Monique said. "Oh, and when the takeover of the university is complete, the Huskers will be based at UNO.

"After that, we are going to insist that both the regents and the state senators turn over the university's budget to the students. Their decisions couldn't be any worse. Would you have built the Kiewit center to look like a prison complex?"

Monique's other plans for UNO include annexing Memorial Park, the Crossroads and Sylvia Wagner's yard for parking, reducing tuition to pre-1975 levels and making student government a dictatorship.

The average student won't even know the difference, Monique said. "Student government is just a dictatorship, anyway. This will only formalize it."

She said she planned to raise funds for the revolution in the usual manner. "We're going to rob banks, hold the regents for ransom, and, next Friday, we're going to sponsor an allschool party at Carter Lake Ballroom."

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Victim of 'freak accident' adapts to dependent lifestyle

By Kenny Williams

The sunny Sunday afternoon in October 1976 was unseasonably warm. Under the bright, blue sky and sunshine Omahans all over the city stepped out into the autumn day. Kevin Grabowski, then a 17-year-old Ralston High School senior, described the day as having "football in the air."

Grabowski and some friends decided to organize a sand-lot football game, a timely American tradition that was undoubtedly repeated in parks, playgrounds, and back yards throughout the area that fall day.

His team received the kick. It rose toward the sunshine and descended into Grabowski's waiting arms. His 6'3", 210-pound frame rumbled up the field.

Those would prove to be his last steps. Somewhere in the ensuing tackle his neck was broken. Paralyzed from the waist down and without full use of his hands, Grabowski sits in his electric wheel chair and remembers. He shrugs his wide shoulders, shakes his head, blames no one.

"It wasn't anyone's fault," he said shifting his weight and taking a long drag from a cigarette. "It was a freak accident, could've happened to anyone. The week before I hurt a guy when I tackled him. It's part of the game."

Grabowski's life changed that afternoon. Things most people take for granted; walking, dressing, bathing, traveling, writing, were no longer independent decisions for him. These simple actions combined to form the single most difficult obstacle for him to overcome.

"Before I was hurt, I was independent like any high school kid," he said. He paused a moment, stubbed out his cigarette, "And then I wasn't anymore." But losing that independence was just one of many obstacles.

He wanted to go into electronics after graduation from high school. Now, without full control of his hands, that dream is gone.

Starting over

In the eight months that followed the accident, Grabowski spent the most crucial days of rehabilitation at two area hospitals; Bergan Mercy and Immanuel Hospital. He praises their staffs for the help they gave.

"The nurses at the re-habs really helped me," he said, "I had the classic symptoms of a handicapped patient."

These 'classic' symptoms come in three stages: denial, depression, and acceptance.

"In the first stage, denial, you think 'no, this couldn't be happening to me,' he remembers. "You think you'll be up and around in a few days. But then you realize you won't."

Jimi Readrix

Naohiro Kimura

A place to go . . . Kevin Grabowski (left) and Mike Simpkins (right) take a break in the Handicapped Student Organization office.

Depression is the hardest thing to face.

"After you realize that this is the way it's going to be, you lay there thinking 'why me?" It isn't easy to recall those times. Grabowski shifts in his chair, folds his arms, thinks. A long silence follows.

"This is where the nurses helped me the most," he continues. "You lay there thinking you're not worth anything because you can't do anything. The faster you're out of that stage the better."

The final stage is acceptance.

"When you finally accept the fact that you're in there, and you're probably going to be there the rest of your life, you make plans to be this way and then rehabilitate."

After eight months Grabowski began his life over. It is not an easy life. Besides the dependence upon others to help him out of bed, and to get dressed and be driven back and forth where he needs to go, there was also the problem of money. His electric wheelchair cost \$2500 in 1978.

"The Nebraska Vocational Rehabilitation Center and the Douglas County Social Services went in halves on the chair, which is rare," he said. The same chair costs \$3100 today.

In addition to the initial cost, maintenance of the chairs is also expensive. They are run by two 12-volt batteries which cost \$70 each. The batteries are rechargeable but eventually won't hold a charge. Belts and tires also need to be replaced periodically. The high cost upsets Grabowski.

"They've kind of got you as far as the prices go," he said. "I mean you've got to have the chair, so there's no choice but to pay the price."

Grabowski has come a long way since that day in October 1976. He is now a sophomore, majoring in Criminal Justice. He cited the UNO campus' accessibility as part of his reason to come to college.

"The campus is very accessible. I'm able to get everywhere I need to go" he said. He did note that some students don't treat the special doors for the handicapped students as well as they should.

"They come up to the doors and kick the white strips which open them," he said. "They're broken a lot. Especially the south door of the student center."

He had praise for the teachers and students who go out of their way to help. Due to his limited control of his hands, he is unable to write with a pencil. This is difficult in light of the current computerized fill-in-the-dot tests. The teachers however, simply transfer his answers to the sheets for him.

He also noted that fellow students were quite helpful during the recent snowstorms.

"When it rains or snows the belts on the chair get wet and it won't pull me," he said. "People are really helpful in giving me a push."

College adjustment

The adjustment to college life hasn't been that easy in terms of overcoming the subtle prejudices, such as people feeling sorry for him.

"When I first came here I felt that way, but not now," he said. "At first people don't talk to you, they talk at you. At first they look at the chair. But later, they look at you."

Another distinct advantage to UNO that Grabowski praised is the Handicapped Student Organization.

"HSO has been a big help. It's a place that we can always depend on for help. It's a place where students with handicaps can get together, talk, tell each other what bothers us."

Among the staff at HSO is Debbie Loeffler. Grabowski acknowledged that she was particularly helpful.

"Debbie works here in the office but she does a lot more than just answer the telephone. She's very helpful to all of us with the little things."

Debbie sets a bowl of french fries in front of Grabowski and opens the salt container. Another 'little thing' done instinctively.

She said, however, that students should learn to work with the handicapped students more effectively.

"You've got to know when to help and when to leave them alone" she said. Grabowski agreed.

"Sometimes when the other students think we need help, we could do it ourselves." He added, "Not that we don't appreciate it, we do. But, there are some times when we'd like to do it ourselves."

Grabowski's interest in criminal justice is his chance to help others. He took a liking to it after an introductory course his freshman year.

"I think it's interesting. You work with all types of people and all types of problems. I like it "

He hopes to one day be a parole officer and help others overcome their problems. It shouldn't be difficult for him. He need look no further than his own life for an example.

HSO serves disabled students

By Cindy Gonzalez

The Handicapped Student Organization (HSO) provides students with counseling that helps them cope with personal problems and campus life, according to Matt Langdon, president of HSO.

HSO receives funds from the Student Allocation Budget Commission (SABC) and from individual donors, said Langdon. Next year SABC will give HSO about \$3,900, the majority of which will be used for office supplies, newsletters and salaries, he said.

HSO primarily serves disabled students, but is available to everyone, said Langdon. The organization will soon change its name to Disabled Students Agency because handicapped does not adequately describe members involved in HSO, said Langdon.

"I don't feel handicapped," he said, and added that there are a lot of misconceptions about the agency and its members.

Langdon said the agency responds to the needs of handicapped students by trying to modify or remove "physical barriers" impeding mobility and accessibility to UNO services. Escort services are also available when a student needs assistance commuting from class to class, be said

In compliance with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504), a university is required to make all programs, services, and activities accessible to handicapped students.

Because accessibility is such a general term, many handicapped programs lack sufficient attention because schools may claim that they have done all that is reasonably possible, said Barbara Hewins-Maroney, coordinator of special programs.

"Once we (at UNO) see a need, we do our best to accommodate for the handicapped," she said

If a handicapped student is enrolled in a course located in a "non-accessible" room, he may request to be transferred to a more accessible section of the course or ask that the location be changed, according to the UNO handbook.

"No person, including a handicapped person, is discriminated against in financial assistance or any service UNO offers," said Hewins-Maroney

The University Testing Center provides special testing arrangements for handicapped students and tape-recorders are available from the audio-visual department to assist in note-taking

UNO also provides parking spaces for physically disabled students and deaf interpreters and restrooms equipped for handicapped students.

About 95 percent of UNO facilities are adequately suited for disabled students, Langdon said, but there are a few areas that require improvement.

Langdon said he plans to develop a sports and physical exercise program for the physically disabled students at UNO. He said he will attend a Sports Symposium in Illinois April 6-8 where he will participate in a wheelchair marathon and collect information and ideas for the program.

Langdon said UNO is lacking the sports accommodations that some schools have for the handicapped, partly because there is not a large population of disabled students on campus.

HSO members said they suggest improvements such as ramps in the Engineering Building, more automatic doors around campus and possibly an air compressor for wheelchair tires.



Chris Mange

Getting pretty pushy... from left to right, Pi Kappa Phi fraternity members Drew Lyons, Rick Burns, Dan Brodkey, Jon Taute and Mike Winslow were ready for their first annual push-a-thon which ran from noon on Tuesday until 2 p.m. yesterday. Proceeds will be used to buy Play Units for the Severely Handicapped (PUSH) children.

Former spy to recount adventures in speech at UNO

Editors' note:

This article was compiled from a telephone interview that Peter James granted the Gateway and from his book, *The Air Force Mafia*. James will speak at UNO on March 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Center.

By Sibley George

On the evening of Sept. 21, 1971, at a restaurant in Brussels, Belgium, Peter James received a death threat. The man who issued it sat across the table from him.

Six years earlier, in 1965, the CIA recruited James, an engineer for Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, to document the Soviet space effort. In 1968, the Foreign Technology Division (FTD) of the U.S. Air Force asked James to analyze intelligence reports its agents had gathered on the Russians. He was working officially for Pratt & Whitney during his association with the CIA and the FTD.

Earlier in the evening Boris Mandrovsky, an American FTD agent, had rejected four of James' restaurant selections, opting for a crowded restaurant he had eaten at before. He gave James' wife, Diane, a shove. "Move," he said.

During his tenure with the FTD, James had become increasingly concerned with some of the division's methods of operation. According to James, the FTD threatened to withhold business from defense firms unless they complied with FTD requests. He also said the division gave some companies an edge over competitors by supplying them with information on Russian weapon systems.

In spring 1971, against the wishes of Pratt & Whitney, James decided to write an exposé of the FTD.

As James took his seat, his palms sweated. The conversation drifted to the Pentagon Papers. "What do you think of Daniel Ellsberg?" Mandrovsky asked James.

. "I think it's good the story got out," James replied, "but I disagree with the way it was accomplished. No one should be allowed to transmit classified documents to unauthorized personnel... But it seems strange that almost all of the supposedly secret papers he gave to the press were in fact classified because of political reasons."

Two weeks earlier in Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia, a Russian friend warned James he was being watched by his "own kind." Mandrovsky, disguised in a beard and eye makeup, tailed James and his wife through the streets of Marseilles 10 days later.

The FTD heavy picked up his knife and tapped it against the edge of his wine glass. He looked James in the eye. "I have friends in the Mafia who can arrange a car accident," he said. "I'd be asked questions later and I'd have a few difficulties, but they would go unanswered and that would be the end of it."



James

The following morning James and his wife took a cab to the American embassy. They explained their situation to embassy personnel and made reservations on a flight to New York the next day.

When James arrived at Pratt & Whitney's West Palm Beach headquarters 10 days later, he made known his plans to go ahead and write *The Air Force Mafia*. That same day he was fired.

According to James, it was the Brussels incident that finally convinced him to blow the lid on the FTD. "There was no system of checks and balances," he said. "The division sent intelligence analysts fraudulent data to bolster the Soviet threat so they could build weapon systems to counter it."

In his push to expose the FTD, James sent Sen. Sam Ervin, Chairman of the Senate Committee investigating the Ellsberg break in, a letter describing his own experience with the intelligence agency. In 1974, he testified before a Senate Committee examining the relationship between the intelligence community and the defense industry.

James joined Pratt & Whitney in 1962 after graduating from Cleveland's Case Institute of Technology. As the compa-

ny's expert on foreign technology, he attended scientific conferences worldwide to keep abreast of the latest advances in rocketry.

In 1965, the CIA asked him to use his overseas travels as an excuse to meet with Soviet scientists and engineers. The agency's instructions, according to James, were "talk to the Russians and use whatever charm you can to steer the conversation around to the Soviet space effort."

Officially, James still worked for Pratt & Whitney. The CIA did not require him to sign a secrecy oath and the aerospace firm continued to pay his salary and finance most of his trips abroad. The same arrangement carried over to the FTD.

Initially, James asked the agency for some "James Bond, karate-type training . . . They told me to play myself," said James. "It blew my mind."

James said about 90 percent of the Russians he spoke to were willing to discuss declassified information. When queried by the Soviets about American technology, James played it straight. "My own policy was that I never lied to the Russians," he said. "If they asked me about classified information, I'd say, 'Look I can't tell you about this. It's classified."

"By putting pieces of a puzzle together gathered in conversation," James concluded the Russians had the ability to reload their ICBM launchers. He also said he was one of the first to document in detail the existence of a Soviet space shuttle program. Both assessments are included in an intelligence report he wrote for the CIA and in his first book, *Soviet Conquest From Space*.

Ironically, James' work for the CIA and FTD earned high marks; apparently, they weren't the only ones he impressed. In May 1969, George Zhivotovskiy, a senior-level KGB agent, unofficially invited James to lecture at the Soviet Union's Academy of Sciences.

"The Russians had time to assess me," said James, "and concluded I was an engineer that could be exploited by them." After discussing the invitation with his CIA and Air Force contacts, it was decided the trip would be too dangerous unless the invitation was extended officially.

James' last years with the CIA coincided with the first years of Yuri Andropov's reign at the KGB. He characterizes the now-head of the Russian Communist Party as "shrewd and ruthless" and credits him with "transforming the KGB into a very efficient machine."

He also cautions President Reagan to be on his guard when he negotiates with Andropov. "I personally feel that Andropov is probably a lot smarter than Reagan," he said.

Now in his early 40s, James divides his time between the college lecture circuit and his Florida-based company, The James Intelligence and Security Agency. The agency acts as a watchdog over the intelligence community, he said.

James still keeps in touch with his Russian friends. After the publication of *Soviet Conquest From Space*, they told him the material in the book was inaccurate. However, they were enthusiastic about *The Air Force Mafia*, he said.



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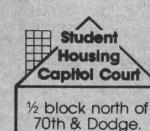
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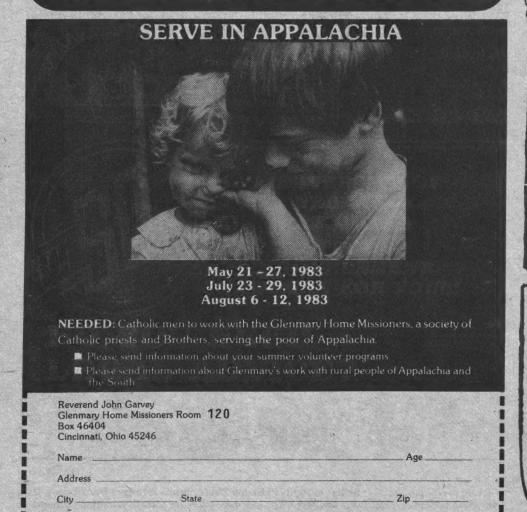


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Secretary Seminar

"The Image of the Professional Secretary," "Cost Effective Ways to Control the Paper Jungle," stress and burnout are some of the topics which will be addressed during the 30th Annual Seminar for Today's Secretary on. Thursday, Mar. 17 at the Peter Kiewit Conference Center.

The seminar is sponsored by UNO's College of Continuing Studies and the College of Education. The registration fee is \$33. Registrations are requested by Monday, Mar. 14. For details call 554-2391.

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To find out how you can be this year's ambassador, attend one of the information sessions in the board room of the student center at 1 p.m. on March 16 and at 11 a.m. March 17

Prince

The Little Prince, internationally beloved book, and its author, Saint-Exupery, will be the subject of a film and lecture Monday, March 14 at 8 p.m. in the Eppley Auditorium. A reception will follow in the UNO Alumni House. Admission is free to UNO students. Others will be charged \$2.50

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For futher information, call 554-2406 or 554-2412.

Security

The NAACP will sponsor a seminar titled "Do you feel secure?" March 14. The program will be held in the Student Center Omaha Room from 12-1:30 p.m. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

Self Defense

Deputy Chris Saklar of the Douglas County Sheriff's Office will address the Criminal Justice Student Organization today at 11 a.m. in the Engineering Building, room 229. He will discuss the issues of defense of the person, home and car. Everyone is invited to

Tutorial Assistance

Students receiving Veterans Benefits under Chapters 31, 34 or 35, may be eligible for tutorial assistance. Contact the Veteran Affairs Office, student center MBSC, room 124 for further information.

Jobs Fair

The 1983 Summer Jobs Fair will be held on Wed., April 6 in the student center ballroom from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



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# Sports.

# Chiefs block Maverick path to national title

The UNO basketball team's drive for a national championship will begin tonight in the same place its conference championship run was stalled three weeks ago.

The 19-9 Mavs will take on host Morningside in the first round of the Division II North Central Regional Tournament in Sioux City, Iowa. That game should settle the score in what has become the biggest rivalry in the North Central Conference this

The other first-round game in the four-team regional will match 19-8 Ferris State against 20-8 North Dakota State. That game is set to start at 6:30 p.m. in Morningside's Allee Gymnasium. The Mav-Chief battle will follow, at about 9 p.m.

It will be the third time around for the NCC-champ Chiefs and runner-up UNO. The Mays beat then fourth-rated Morningside 71-62 on Feb. 4 in Omaha. The Chiefs, currently sixthrated and 23-5, returned the favor on their home floor, beating the Mays 71-65 in a game which ultimately decided the NCC

The winner of the Morningside-UNO game will face the winner between Ferris State and NDSU at 9 p.m. Saturday. That contest will be preceded by a 6:30 game matching the losers from Friday.

The North Central is one of eight regionals being held in the 32-team Division II tournament this weekend. The team that

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| (19-9)                             |     |
| PPG                                | RPg |
| G Dean Thompson, 6-1, Junior       |     |
| G Dave Felici, 5-11, Senior 8.2    |     |
| C Terry Sodawasser, 6-9, Sophomore |     |
| F Jeff Fichtel, 6-5, Junior        |     |
| F Dwayne King, 6-2, Freshman 6.8   | 2.5 |

emerges victorious from Sioux City will host the winner of the South Regional next weekend. The winner of that game will advance to the Divison II Final Four at Springfield, Mass., March

Though he knows the road won't be an easy one, UNO coach Bob Hanson doesn't think a Final four berth is out of reach. He believes the unranked Mays can win a national championship.

"We beat the No. 4 team in the country twice (NDSU the first time, Morningside the second) and we beat North Dakota

State when they were No. 9," Hanson said.
"I think the point is that we can play better than we have been, and the guys know that. If we can get all eight guys clicking, it's possible.

I don't think it's the best team that necessarily wins the national championship, it's just the team that's playing the best

UNO could be considered the underdog in the regional, seeded fourth behind No. 1 Morningside, No. 2 Ferris State and North Dakota State.

Hanson believes his team is better than the seeding, though he doesn't think it makes a lot of difference.

'I don't think it matters much at this point in time who you play first. We'd probably have to play Morningside eventually anyway," he said.

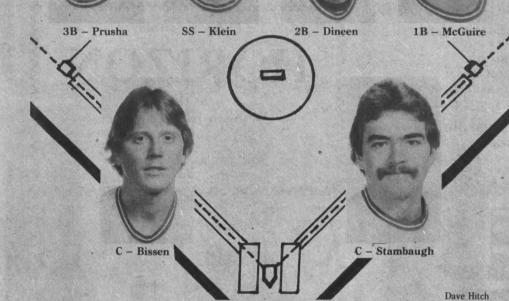
'It all boils down that you're going to have to win two games; it isn't who you play, it's how well you play yourself.

Still, Hanson couldn't help feeling UNO should have been seeded ahead of NDSU. Though the Bison's record is slightly better, the Mavs have won 13 of their last 15 games. They have twice beaten the Bison during that stretch, 87-70 at Fargo and 94-74 in Omaha.

"Seedings are just a popular feeling," he said. "I've had some people on the (regional selection) committee tell me we are the (continued on page 8)

# The Lineups •

# CF - Bassett LF - Banghart LF - Munroe CF - Sova RF - Siwa



# Maverick baseball team must compensate for lack of power

**By Henry Cordes** 

Gone are the power hitters that helped UNO collect a team-record 46 home runs last year. The 28-man roster includes 26 underclassmen. But UNO baseball coach Bob Gates is still optimistic about the 1983 Mavericks.

"Overall, I'm real enthused," Gates said. They're a very attentive and hard-working group. We've got a bunch of guys that really want to play baseball.'

The Mavs will be able to do just that over spring break. They will travel south to open their season against Rutgers and Murray State

in Murray, Ky. Even with only two seniors, Gates does not

consider the Mavs a young team. 'We don't have that much youth," said Gates, pointing out there are 10 juniors on the roster. "Age-wise, this is the oldest team I've had, and the age maturity I feel will help us."

If not younger, the team UNO will take south is bigger than usual. Last year the Mavs took

"I wouldn't keep them if I didn't think they had a chance to play for us," Gates said. "I feel everyone has some potential to help us."

Whether those players will be able to pick up their run production is a big question for

UNO must replace five of its top seven run producers from last year's 27-15 team. Dave Poulicek (55 RBIs), Kirk Nelson (39), Jeff Goetz (24), Clark Lange (20) and John Taylor (16), all no longer with the team, drove in 156 of UNO's 272 runs last year.

We lost our power and our heavy hitters like Poulicek and Nelson, but we hope to make up for it by running a little more — stealing, bunting and running, hitting and running — to create more situations," Gates said.

The Mavs will have to steal a lot of bases to make up for the power lost when Poulicek grad-Central Conference MVP, rewrote the UNO record book last season with his 14 home runs

Leftfielder Jeff Banghart does return after

hitting .359. Other .300 hitters back are catcher Rick Stambaugh (.338) and shortstop Larry Klein (.310).

If the hitting does come around, as Gates expects it will, the Mays could be solid.

In the field, the Mavs have consistently been the best in the conference, and Gates figures to be better this year. "We've got better arms in the outfield than we've had since I've been

And pitching could end up being a strength. The Mavs return all key members of last year's staff, including NCC Most Valuable Pitcher Joe Mancuso, and have added seven new arms.

'We've got more pitchers than we've ever had, but what they really have to do now is learn to pitch instead of throw," Gates said. "They're coming along, I really think they will be improved."

Other key pitchers returning from last year are junior Mark King, who recently completed his career as a starting defensive back on the UNO football team, sophomore Jerry Mohr, junior Gregg Larsen, sophomore Perry Fisher and sophomore Barry Park

"We have the potential of being a better pitching team than we were last year, overall," Gates said. "Last year I though pitching was our weakest point, but it seemed like when we lost'it wasn't our pitching that let us down, it was our hitting.

'Mechanics-wise, I'm enthusiastic about our pitchers. They just have to prove themselves out there.

Gates feels UNO's preparation for the season is the best its ever been. The mild temperatures have enabled the Mavs to get outside to practice more, and they had five intrasquad games on their home field last week.

And with the return of J.D. Burks as an assistant coach after a year away at Creighton, the UNO coaches have been able to give more ction. Gates has with the pitchers, Burks with the infield and Bob Nowaczyk with the hitters.

The play of some newcomers could be im-(continued on page 7)

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# Mavs must compensate for lost power

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portant to whether UNO can improve on last year's second-place NCC finish. One of those is third baseman-pitcher Dan Prusha, a transfer from Iowa Western Community College.

'Prusha's got a good arm, he's a good base runner, and great competitor," Gates said. "He's definitely going to do some pitching for us. He's just a good all-around ballplayer.'

One other newcomer has earned a spot in the Mavs' lineup. Ron Siwa, a fresman out of Omaha Roncalli, has received the nod in right

Gates would be happy if UNO can win one more game than it did last year. The Mavs were tripped by Morningside in the final game of the season last year, a loss which cost them the NCC championship and a berth in the NCAA regional tournament.

"We'll be right in there battling for the championship of the NCC," Gates said.

A position-by-position breakdown of the Maverick lineup:

The Mavs will be experienced in the infield, starting three juniors and a sophomore. The play of junior first baseman **John McGuire** (.258 average, O home runs, 6 RBIs last year) could be a key. He will follow in the shoes of Dave Poulicek, but can't be expected to fill them. Ron Siwa and Gregg Larsen will provide backup. "We don't have to worry about first base as far as guys begin able to play. I think we're strong at first," Coach Bob Gates said.

Klein (.310, 3 HR, 13 RBIs) at shortstop and transfer Dan Prusha at third. Klein, a third-year regular, is the only

**OUTFIELD** 

Gates said he has five quality outfielders, all he considers starters. Junior Jeff Banghart (.359, 3 HR, 19 RBIs), a starter last year, is back. Sophomore Kevin Munroe, in his first season of college baseball after playing spring football last year, should also see time there

Ron Sova, a newcomer from Northeast Oklahoma Junior College, and sophomore Marty Bassett are expected to share duties in center, with Sova starting against left-handed pitchers and Bassett against right-handers. Bassett will also pitch. Ron Siwa, an all-stater from Roncalli, will start in right field, but is also expected to do some pitching. When he is on the mound, either Munroe or Sova will take over

CATCHER

Nowhere are the Mays more experienced than at catcher, where both the team's seniors play. Rick Stambaugh (.338, 4 HR, 24 RBIs) and Myron Bissen (.218, 3 HR, 11 RBIs) split the duty last year, and will again. "We feel our catching's in pretty good hands," Gates said. "We aren't going to have to overwork them." Stambaugh suffered a shoulder separation late last year, but has recovered.

PITCHER

Gates is hesitant to break his 14-man staff into starters and relievers. "They're all potential starters and all potential

relievers, and all have to be ready to help out," he said.

Definite starters are returnees Mark King (5-4, 3.94) ERA), and Gregg Larsen (4-4, 7.30) and walk-ons Fred Petersen and John Weatherly. Key relievers are Jerry Mohr (5-0, 3.69) and Joe Mancuso (4-2, 5.34, 5 saves), but both will also start. Other key pitchers are Prusha, Siwa Perry Fisher (2-0, 6-22) Barry Park (2-2, 6.50) and Mike Hlavacek.



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A Party Situation



# Chiefs block Maverick path to national title

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best team in the regional, but we still ended up fourth."

Hanson was notified of the Mavs' regional selection Sunday after the Mavs landed in Greeley, Colo., for a regular-season finale against Northern Colorado.

The game had been postponed from Saturday when a snowstorm had canceled airline traffic in Colorado.

Before the postponement, the game had appeared pivotal in UNO's post-season playoff hopes. But with UNO's bid secured hours before the tipoff, the game became meaningless. Hanson wondered how that would affect his team's play.

"I debated whether to tell them we were in, but I thought they would find out eventually anyway," Hanson said. "I think they're a pretty mature bunch of kids."

The result, a 97-80 UNO win, was a sign that the Mavs will be ready to go this weekend, Hanson said.

## 3 Maverick wrestlers compete in Division I national meet

UNO wrestlers Mark Rigatuso, Mark Manning and Greg Wilcox are competing in the NCAA Division I wrestling championships, which began Thursday in Oklahoma City,

The three qualified for the meet by winning championships in the Division II meet held two weeks ago.

Rigatuso, a senior heavyweight, placed sixth in the Division I meet last year to earn All-American honors. It will be the first Division I meet for Manning, who wrestles at 15-0, and Wilcox (190).

"I really think our three wrestlers have an excellent chance to become Division I All-Americans," said May coach Mike Denney.

He said the Mavs will have to be ready. The Chiefs will be playing on their home floor at a time when enthusiasm is at its highest on the Sioux City campus.

In the previous Chief-Mav meeting in Sioux City, Morningside was able to penetrate the UNO press, taking a 16-point lead at

The Mavs fought back to take the lead, but two costly turnovers, both coming when Mav guards lost their footing on their way down the floor, enabled Morningside to stay in the game.

'I think the fact that they beat us there last time is in our favor," Hanson said. "We found out we can beat them. I think our players know we can win there.'

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